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PATENT  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

William E. Rich et al.

Application No.: 10/076,967

Filed: February 15, 2002

For: METHOD FOR CORRELATING  
GENE EXPRESSION PROFILES WITH  
PROTEIN EXPRESSION PROFILES

Customer No.: 53671

Confirmation No. 1477

Examiner: Lori A. Clow

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1631

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2006, for which a response was due on June 24, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to September 24, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.